

DOING THE RIGHT THING

(Mrs. KIRKPATRICK asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. KIRKPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, as we enter the third week of this reckless, irresponsible shutdown, it is no wonder that folks in my Arizona district and across the Nation are disgusted. They see Washington treating this shutdown as a political game. I have got news for them. How far will the House majority push our Nation just to score political points? No one wins. Everybody loses, and here is what an editorial in the Arizona Republic says today about this shutdown:

When it is all over, the huge costs will be tallied, and the hard work Congress has avoided will remain undone. America will join the world in wondering: Is that all there is? The only heroes in this tragedy are the Americans who still believe their government can eventually do the right thing.

Mr. Speaker, let's show the American people that this House is still capable of doing the right thing.

DOING WHAT IS IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THIS GREAT COUNTRY

(Ms. TITUS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. TITUS. Mr. Speaker, 15 days ago, an extreme faction of the Republican Party, supported by its leader and empowered by its more complacent members, brought about a shutdown of the entire Federal Government. It has since brought us to the brink of an unprecedented default, and now it refuses to accept a compromise that will open up the government, put people back to work, and lift the debt ceiling so the United States can pay its bills.

Americans are fed up with the political obstructionism and dysfunction that has caused this unnecessary crisis. With the clock running out, we cannot afford to waste any more time. We need to act now. So I say to my colleagues across the aisle, stop your guerilla tactics; stop playing games with the good faith and credit of the United States; stop putting radical ideology ahead of the welfare of the American people; and stop sabotaging our economy and our democracy.

We have got to bring common sense, integrity, and honor back to the House of Representatives and do what is in the best interests of this great country.

□ 1230

GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN

(Ms. HAHN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. HAHN. Mr. Speaker, today marks the 15th day of the government shutdown. I am finally encouraged that we are seeing a bipartisan agreement

in our Senate that will reopen the government and avert a credit default.

There is a lot of bashing of both sides going on down here, but I want to take this time to actually applaud our leaders in the United States Senate, HARRY REID and MITCH MCCONNELL, for their coming together to turn this ship around for the American people. Mr. Speaker, I also want to give a shout-out to Senator COLLINS and Senator MANCHIN for breaking the logjam.

This past Friday, the shutdown became a harsh reality for many American families as tens of thousands of workers did not receive a paycheck. These are hardships everyday working families can't afford.

This shutdown is deeply unfair to the American people. The clock is ticking, but we are seeing the framework of a commonsense solution to put an end to the recklessness and irresponsibility of this shutdown.

I hope that this House has an opportunity to vote on the Senate proposal soon and put this whole mess behind us for the sake of the country and the American people.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 30 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

□ 1933

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. REED) at 7 o'clock and 33 minutes p.m.

RESIGNATION AS MEMBER OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND THE WORKFORCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following resignation as a member of the Committee on Education and the Workforce:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, October 15, 2013.

Hon. JOHN BOEHNER,
Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

MR. SPEAKER: Due to my appointment to the Energy and Commerce Committee, I hereby resign my position on the Education and Workforce Committee.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

JOHN YARMUTH,
Member of Congress.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the resignation is accepted. There was no objection.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the unfin-

ished business is the question on agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal, which the Chair will put de novo.

The question is on the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. RUSH (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for October 14 and the balance of the week on account of attending to family acute medical care and hospitalization.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. GARCIA. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 7 o'clock and 35 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, October 16, 2013, at 10 a.m. for morning-hour debate.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

3301. A letter from the Acting Under Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting a letter on the approved retirement of Vice Admiral Richard W. Hunt, United States Navy, and his advancement to the grade of vice admiral on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

3302. A letter from the Acting Under Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting a letter on the approved retirement of General Claude R. Kehler, United States Air Force, and his advancement on the retired list in the grade of general; to the Committee on Armed Services.

3303. A letter from the Acting Under Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting a letter on the approved retirement of General Edward A. Rice, Jr., United States Air Force, and his advancement on the retired list in the grade of general; to the Committee on Armed Services.

3304. A letter from the Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Legislative and Public Affairs, Agency for International Development, transmitting a formal response to the GAO report "Haiti Reconstruction: USAID Infrastructure Projects Have Had Mixed Results and Face Sustainability Challenges" (GAO-13-558); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

3305. A letter from the Acting Deputy Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting as required by section 401(c) of the National Emergency Act, 50 U.S.C. 1641(c), and section 204(c) of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act, 50 U.S.C. 1703(c), a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to the situation in or in relation to the Democratic Republic of the Congo that was declared in Executive Order 13413 of October 27, 2006; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

3306. A letter from the Attorney Advisor, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Safety Zone; Delaware River, Wilmington, DE [Docket Number: USCG-2013-0827] (RIN: 1625-